

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A method for improving the percutaneous absorbability of sodium diclofenac in a non-aqueous patch comprising a matrix, the method comprising providing ammonium chloride in the patch at a range of from 0.5 to 10 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.

14. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein ammonium chloride is blended at a range of from 0.5 to 7 fold mole/mole based on the sodium diclofenac.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the sodium diclofenac and the ammonium chloride are contained in an adhesive base layer.

17. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 16, wherein the adhesive base layer is composed of one or more components selected from the group consisting of styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, polyisobutylene, and acrylic adhesive.